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Greenfield Hall

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November, 1991

– General Meeting –

Sunday, November 17
2:00 P.M.

Greenfield Hall

Business Meeting followed by
a program on

JOHN WANAMAKER - Philadelphia Merchant
presented by
Dr. Herbert Ershkowitz

The Mostly Victorian Toy and Book Exhibit

Greenfield Hall

Sunday, December 8
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

– Open to local Scout groups –
Tuesday, December 10, 4 - 7 P.M.
Coordinated by Dianne Snodgrass

JOHN WANAMAKER PRESENTATION

In 1911 President William H. Taft journeyed to Philadelphia to open the John Wanamaker Department Store. Throughout the years the store developed into a landmark. When many people from surrounding areas traveled to the city, they would agree to "meet at the Eagle".

This year, after three years of renovations, Wanamaker's has been rechristened, a new building within the old which retains the historic elements of the original. One of our members, Dr. Herbert Ershkowitz, has researched the founder of this well-known business. On November 17, Dr. Ershkowitz will present a program entitled "John Wanamaker, Philadelphia Merchant".



Dr. Herbert Ershkowitz

John Wanamaker, who was born in 1838, was one of the primary inventors of the department store concept in this country. His 'new kind of store' helped to define standards and tastes for the rising middle class in Philadelphia and its suburbs. Wanamaker's also

expanded into one of the major centers for all kinds of civic activities in the city.

Who was this man who introduced the sale of bicycles, pianos, art, electrical appliances, and clothing all under one roof to the general public, who gave new meaning to the affluence of the area? The store's influence was particularly important to the city's women who made up 80% of its customers and most of the

TOY EXHIBIT

When was the last time you relived your childhood? Since it's probably been a long time, we thought that December might be a good time to make the experience possible. We've arranged for an exhibit of a family's private collection of fascinating old toys and books from generations ago.

The big day will be Sunday, December 8, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M., when members and friends will be able to see how children played in years gone by. Local Scout troops are invited to attend on Tuesday, December 10, from after school to 7:00 in the evening.

Most all the fuzz is worn off a much loved bear. The army of lead soldiers wobbles on the table, victim of hours of playful imagination. Stone building blocks with neo-classical architectural directions from 1880 remind us there was a childhood before Legos. Pick-up sticks? You need to see this forerunner of the modern game.

The old wooden blocks are pretty terrific, too, especially the ones with Victorian pictures. Remember those jointed animals? There will be some of them along with a Noah's Ark still carrying most of its crew. Of course, a few dolls will be present. One is sleeping in a four-poster bed.

For all you railroad buffs the mechanical train complete with the unjammed cow catcher (jammed, mind you, from an early 20th century temper tantrum) will attempt to negotiate its track once more. It's the type with sections which slide together and supposedly lock, but the engine's weight jiggles them loose. Did you have one of them?

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

In this 150th Birthday year it is appropriate to look at what's going on at Greenfield Hall. Exactly what kind of progress has been made?

In the past ten years we have significantly upgraded our Library, computerized our office work, and repainted the outside of Greenfield Hall. We have repainted and papered most of the interior and completed the restoration of the Hip Roof House. Our kitchen facilities are improved. We have made the building more available to the public.

Our members are busy caring for our collections, doing research, taking care of our facilities, increasing our membership base, and raising money. We have published a new book and have presented programs of interest to the public.

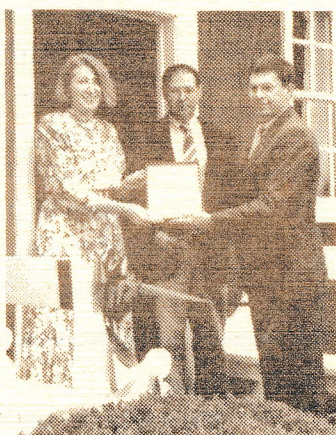
Let's applaud all those who have given so much of their time and money. Let's look to the future to see what each one of us can do to help the Society as it moves into the 21st century. If you have time and/or talents to share, please call me. We need YOU!

Our BIG BIRTHDAY PARTY was a great success. Mickey Mack and her committee did a tremendous job. Mayor Jack Tarditi opened the day by presiding at the ribbon-cutting ceremony and proclaiming the month of October to be the Historical Society of Haddonfield Month. William Dillon and Louis LaCorte made it extra-special by lending their Gill family collection. The DeFazio family topped it all off with a lovely gift.

My thanks to all of you who participated. You are the ones who make the Society such a great organization.

We hope to see you at the November meeting and the Holly Festival. Happy Thanksgiving.

Deborah Moore



MAKING A HOUSE A HOME

Thanks to Bob Evans, the Hip Roof House is looking more like a home. Bob has been able to furnish much of the house from our collections but would like some appropriate articles for the bedrooms.

Back in 1971 Ruth Armstrong created beautiful curtains for us in anticipation of the completion of the restoration of the Hip Roof House. These curtains, decorated with crewel embroidery, are now hanging on the first floor of the house, adding to its overall ambience. We are very proud of our progress.

BLOCK PARTY

Our participation in the *Great Haddonfield Block Party* was enhanced by our being able to present T-shirts to those correctly identifying landmarks around town. The shirts were supplied by Marty Hill of Hill and Malony, Realtors; the back of the shirt "encourages you to become a member of the Historical Society of Haddonfield". Our thanks to Marty and his organization.

AND THE WINNER IS.....

When *Dinner in the Grand Style of Greenfield Hall* is served in January, the hostess will be Mrs. Frances Barnes of Haddonfield, one of our members. Her name was chosen from a venerable derby hat by one of the young celebrants during our birthday party. When Mrs. Barnes was informed of her good fortune, she was delighted. "I can't believe it!" she exclaimed. "I've never won anything before".

Mrs. Barnes is already anticipating the prospects of an enjoyable evening, thinking of her guest list and the festivities. Our congratulations to her and best wishes for a memorable experience.

HOLLY FESTIVAL PLANNED BY WOMEN'S COMMITTEE



Our annual Holly Festival will be held on Saturday, December 14, from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. All members and friends are invited to attend. Plans were made at our September meeting to sell boxwood balls, baskets of greenery, holly, and baked goods. We are considering having consignees to sell crafts and handmade items. As always we will appreciate your donations of baked goods and your assistance.

Numerous inquiries have been made concerning the attractive merchandise offered by the mail order firm, UBIX. We have no connection with the group nor is there any benefit to the Historical Society of Haddonfield from sales of these items.

We do have many lovely items for sale which are available five mornings a week at Greenfield Hall. These items are offered to our members at a 10% discount. They include Christmas balls, Hip Roof House bottles, tiles, and frakturts. Some of our most popular commemoratives are note paper @ \$3.50, linen tea towels @ \$4.00, totebags @ \$8.00, and hand-thrown pottery mugs and crocks @ \$16.00 each. All of our commemoratives and souvenirs make appropriate gifts for others and for ourselves. Our profits have helped to maintain and enhance the Society's buildings and grounds over the years.

The Women's Committee meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:00 A.M. All members are welcome to join us for fellowship, coffee, and discussion.

Mary Jane Freedley
Chairman

OUR REGRETS...

We regret that, in our last Bulletin, ten years were deducted from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bauer's wedding anniversary celebration. The Bauers marked their 60th year together, not the 50th. We hope they will return to Greenfield Hall to celebrate many more happy times.

THE HADDONFIELD CLOWNS AND THE PICK-UP BAND

Wonderful assets to our Big Birthday Party were the Haddonfield Clowns and the Pick-Up Band.

The Clowns were organized by Dr. Vincent T. McDermott earlier this year. They have participated in many community activities, bringing smiles to all those who watch them. Our birthday clowns included P.J., Maura, and Marlene McDermott, Merri Griese, Michael Kain, and our own member, Dr. Michael Harkins.

The Pick-Up Band is well-established in Haddonfield. Tom Patton, director of the group, reports that they "play because they enjoy playing". Howard Seshens conducted the approximately twenty members and provided us with stirring music before the rain forced them to fold their music, pack up their instruments, and wander away.

Our thanks to both groups!!

THE ROSE ROOM

With each painting party comes the completion of another room in Greenfield Hall. Now our back left bedroom is displaying a new look, a rosy look. The month of September brought together Pat and Jim Lennon, Connie and Ed Reeves, Dianne and Steve Snodgrass and myself for another back breaking but happy and gratifying time. The color is most appropriate for we know that not only was this the bedroom shared by two of the Gill daughters, but many years later served as the bedroom for Betty Van Hart Donovan who recently came down from Princeton to share memories of her former home (1920's) with several friends. Mrs. Donovan was most pleased with the new look.

Thanks to our painters and to Jim Wescott and Bob Evans. They not only moved the furniture out so we might do the painting, but also rearranged the room after the painting was completed to give it a more appropriate look for its 1841 date, right up to a new lighting fixture.

Mickey Mack

DID YOU KNOW THAT

Col. Alexander Oswald Brodie, who bought Greenfield Hall from the widow of John Gill Willits in 1916, had been the 15th territorial governor of Arizona? He had fought in the Apache Wars, and in the Spanish American War was second in command to Theodore Roosevelt of the Rough Riders.

After all this action and adventure, he was ready for a quiet retirement when he saw Greenfield Hall and fell in love with it.

Unfortunately, the Colonel had only a short time to enjoy the beautiful mansion. In May, 1918, two years after he purchased the house, Col. Brodie died at Greenfield Hall.

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome the following new members and invite them to join us in our many activities:

Mrs. Mark Denesevich	Linda Nussey
Carl J. Gakeler, Sr.	Mark Schneider
Martin Hill	Dr. Nils Herdelin
Janet Lehman	Stephen Snodgrass
Sandra Levins	Mrs. James Reed
Peter Mitchner	Mr. & Mrs. Ward S. Taggart
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffery G. Punda	

Sustaining Members:

Dr. James B. Soffer
Mrs. Sergio Peresson
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Clement, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. James B. Walker
and Dr. James C. Tassini

Life Member:

Paul Jepson

The *Great Haddonfield Block Party* gave us some new members. Names of those who had participated in the Haddonfield Hunt were drawn from a hat after the celebration. The five winners chosen are: Mark Sutterley, Bette Valecce, Nick Nicolay, Connie Brookes, Marianne Fisher. Our sincere welcome!

JOHN WANAMAKER (con't.)

employees. How did Wanamaker use fashion shows, parades, and art exhibits to develop his store into one of the urban centers of the early part of this century?

Join us at Greenfield Hall on November 17 for a glimpse of this colorful personality.

Dr. Herbert Ershkowitz is a professor of history at Temple University and a former chairman of the department. He is the author of two books, *The Origins of the Whig and Democratic Parties: New Jersey Politics, 1820-1840* and *Business Attitudes Towards American Foreign Policy, 1900-1917*. He has also completed a history of the Philadelphia Gas Works, to be published next year.

Herb and his wife Sheila are members of the Society.

TOY EXHIBIT (con't.)

If the child in you still enjoys books over the contemporary video, comfortable old favorites including *Peter Pan*, *Robin Hood*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Cinderella* will aid your journey down memory lane. Holidays and the seashore were also major themes in children's books during the last century, and these items too will be on display.

Toys from the Society's collection will be included. After all, they wouldn't want to be left out.

Whenever you see a toy or a children's book, remember that a child was associated with it, as well as the adoring family member who bought it. Perhaps this will make the exhibit come alive for you, for the toys were a part of someone's life, not just boring artifacts.

So come and spend a light-hearted afternoon with us on December 8th at Greenfield Hall. Dianne Snodgrass has co-ordinated the exhibit and assures us we'll all have a good time.

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 150th Birthday celebration of Greenfield Hall was an unqualified success. More than 220 people attended the open house on Sunday, October 6, 1991. It was certainly a pleasure to witness so many people enjoying the festivities that Society members had prepared in honor of our sesquicentennial. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to those people who helped make this event not only possible but so pleasurable:

150th Celebration Committee: Tom Applegate, Barbara Bauer, Nancy Burrough, Myra Kain, Pat Lennon, Debbie Mervine, Caroline Moody, Connie Reeves and Debby Troemner. Your time was well spent; so many people had a wonderful time. A special thanks to Nancy Burrough for her fund-raising idea, "Buy a Balloon for Greenfield Hall."

Balloon Committee: Nancy Burrough, Kathy Chesbro, Frank Demmerly, Myra Kain, Pat Lennon, Frank, Scott and David Moore, and Debby Troemner. Many thanks for filling and arranging the 200 balloons which brightened up a rather cloudy day.

Hospitality Committee: Ruth Davis, Claire Driscoll, Mary Lide, Debbie Moore, Cindy Murphy, Mary Pharo, Barbara Tarditi, and Betty Thompson. Thank you for making sure there was enough cake and punch for everyone. We happily had more guests than we had ever dreamed we could have.

Docents: Nancy Burrough, Pat Lennon, Caroline Moody, Harriet Monshaw, Kathy Tassini and Debby Troemner. Your efforts made it possible to have both buildings open and for our guests to ask questions and learn as they toured. Thank you.

Commemoratives and Dinner Tickets: Pat Lennon, Helen Peitz and Connie Reeves. Thank you for making it possible for many of our guests to take a little bit of history home with them.

Balloon Display: David and Susan Hunter and Maryann Camardo. The balloon board was a wonderful opportunity to publicly thank our donors for their support. It looked great!

I want to also thank our mayor and fellow HSH member, Jack Tarditi, for the beautiful proclamation he gave to the Society in honor of this event and for his expertise in ribbon cutting. Jack, along with Tom Applegate and myself made it official that our Hip Roof House is complete and a genuine example of Haddonfield history coming alive, hopefully, for many generations to come. Also, a thank you to Susan Hunter for serving as our official photographer so that we may add this day to our memory book.

For those of you who were able to sample our delicious birthday cake, I know you will join me in extending our sincere appreciation to McMillan's Bakery for their contribution to our birthday party.

Thanks also to the Haddonfield Pick-Up Band and the Haddonfield Clowns who persevered despite the rain and who drew many smiles from our guests. It wouldn't have been a real party without you.

A very special thank you goes to Louis LaCorte and William Dillon, proprietors of The Owl's Tale, who so generously permitted us to display several artifacts which originally belonged to members of the Gill family and now reside in their private collection. It was a most perfect complement to the Gill family papers which Kathy and Jimmy Tassini so thoughtfully arranged to allow our visitors to learn more about this important Haddonfield family. A thank you to Ron Mack who served as our one person security force for this priceless and wonderful exhibit.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to Connie Reeves who provided publicity for this event. Your work brought many first time visitors to our headquarters and helped us share our love of local history, the real foundation for our organization.

To all who helped make this a terrific day, please take a bow! - Mickey Mack

O WHERE, O WHERE ...

One of our members is searching for the *History of Camden County, New Jersey* by George R. Prowell, copyright 1886. Any printing will be acceptable. If you have the book, or any clue as to where it can be found, please share your information. Contact us at the office, 429-7375.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Many thanks to so many of you for renewing your memberships quickly and for including names of prospects. Application forms have gone out to those you suggested and it is our hope that our membership rolls will continue to increase. For those who haven't as yet renewed, a gentle reminder that now is the time.

THE ANSWER - AT LAST!

Since our last bulletin, Mr. Eric Chalkley and his wife have visited their grandson and his parents, members Geoffrey and Sharon Chalkley of Haddonfield. The Chalkleys from Croydon, England, walked around town viewing some of the areas mentioned in *Lost Haddonfield*. They were able to enjoy present-day Haddonfield also, lunching at our local establishments, browsing in our local stores.

Mr. Chalkley is the creator of that difficult crossword puzzle we included in our September issue. He is a crossword 'fanatic' who has devoted much of his time since retirement to this hobby. Many publications, including the *London Times*, have featured his work. He has been able to establish contacts throughout the world with other crossword fans, among them Stephen Sondheim, the composer.

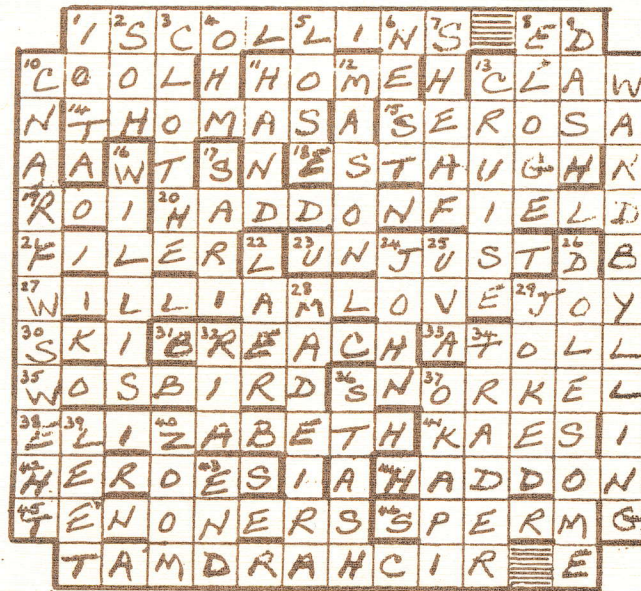
So, here is the solution. How many of you were successful *before* you saw the answers?

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20 ACROSS

(A light-hearted Quiz for The H.S.H.)

By APEX



Solution

Unclued Perimeter

(reading clockwise - FRANCIS COLLINS, EDWARD BYLLINGE, RICHARD MATTHEWS.
from square 21.)

Followed by 27

WILLIAM LOVEJOY, (24 44) JOHN HADDON, (14 16) THOMAS
WILLIS, (38 44) ELIZABETH HADDON, (24 31) JOHN BREACH,
and (24 18) JOHN ESTAUGH

Were all associated
with the

development of 20 - HADDONFIELD.

For verification, see "LOST HADDONFIELD" by Douglas B. Rauschenberger and
Katherine Mansfield Tassini.

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Notes to all clues: giving solution and definition used.

Across: 10 COOL (indifferent); 11 HOME (nest); 13 CLAW (flatter); 15 SEROSA (membrane);
19 ROI (king); 21 FILER (who would make things smooth); 23 UNJUST (partial);
30 SKI (slide over the snow); 33 ATOLL (island); 35 WOSBIRD (a working girl's
child); 36 SNORKEL (kind of tube); 41 KAES (jackdaws); 42 HEROES (celebrities);
45 TENONERS (joiners); 46 SPERM (seed).

Down 1 IOTA (bit); 2 SOH (note); 3 CLOTHE (dress); 4 OHM (German electrician);
5 LOSE (fail); 6 NEST (home); 7 SHEAF (bundle); 8 ELOGE (funeral oration);
9 DASH (break); 11 HAND (employee); 12 MASON (member of the A.P.A. lodge);
13 CRUISE (sail); 17 SARI (garment); 22 LAER (camp); 25 UVA (fruit);
26 DOLESOME (dismal); 28 MADEIRA (wine); 29 JOKED (made merry); 32 RIA (creek);
34 TRADER (operator); 36 STASH (store); 37 OKAPI (animal); 39 LEET (list);
40 ZOOM (rush); 43 END (conclusion).

"BUY A BALLOON FOR GREENFIELD HALL"

We would like to acknowledge the many members and local businesses who supported our recent fund raiser held in conjunction with our birthday celebration. The beautiful balloons decorating Greenfield Hall on Sunday, October 6, represented the contributions of over 100 people. Balloons were purchased as gifts to provide for the future of our beautiful and historically significant building in amounts ranging from \$5 to \$150. Through the generosity of our donors listed below, we received contributions totaling \$3,410. Their willingness to share generates a feeling of gratitude that the words "thank you" do not begin to describe.

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WHINING AND DINING AT GREENFIELD HALL

What do you suppose visitors think the Gills made for dinner? Reservations? It's about our dining room. We don't have one. Oh, the room itself is there. We just don't have any dining room furniture -- no tables, no chairs, no sideboard, no dishes In fact, all of those things that would be appropriate to an 1840's (and most of which are listed in the two Gill wills of 1838 and 1854) are noticeably lacking at Greenfield Hall.

Aside from the fact that a house of this stature should be equipped with dining furniture, there are two more immediate reasons why we should focus attention on this matter. The first is our "Dinner in the Grand Style of Greenfield Hall" raffle (dinner for ten). This fund-raiser has become a popular success and looks as if it will be an annual event. We cannot continue to rely on our members to loan us all of the furniture we need to seat everyone. Clearly, it is time we acquired our own.

Secondly, and here comes the commercial folks, if you are thinking of donating furniture or accessories to Greenfield Hall, there is no better time than before the end of this tax year. This year, and only this year, the IRS has opened a window regarding tax-deductible contributions. This year, your gift can be deducted for its replacement value or current appraised value. In the past (as it will be again in 1992), the tax-deductible amount of gifts was only equal to the amount you paid for it. So if you give a gift to Greenfield Hall in 1991, you can take advantage of two types of appreciation -- ours, as well as a much more generous tax deduction than was ever before possible.

Some of the things we need are among the items listed in the 1838 inventory:

- 3 Tables and stand.
- 1/2 Dozen chairs and 2 matching arm chairs.
- 2 Knife cases.
- Looking Glass.
- Knives, forks and box.

The "tables" may refer to a 3-part banquet table, common in a house of this caliber, but any table that would seat six or more would be an asset. The "chairs" are probably the dining chairs we're searching for -- anything from Windsors, fancy painted Sheraton chairs to more formal mahogany chairs dating from 1780 to 1840 would be appropriate. The two "knife cases" mentioned are probably the hinged-top boxes typical of the Federal period usually displayed on the sideboard. The "Looking Glass" could be anything from Queen Anne to a gilt Tabernacle mirror. Although no sideboard is listed in the inventory, the room could certainly house one.

Since this is a "wish list" and keeping that open window in mind, let's leave the dining room for a moment and address other items mentioned in the inventories that would be welcome additions to Greenfield Hall:

1838 Inventory --

- Settee and 3 chairs. (Could be Chippendale, Hepplewhite, Sheraton or Empire)
- Andirons, shovel & tongs. (Two sets are mentioned -- we need both)
- Candlesticks. (Sorely lacking in this area)
- Looking Glass. (Again, any mirror from 1740 to 1840)
- Ingrain carpet. (Any antique rugs and carpet)

1854 Inventory --

- Washstand, pitcher & bowl. (Two are listed)
- 2 Pier tables. (Also known as side tables, consoles)
- 2 Sofas. (See above inventory)
- 2 Looking Glasses. (See above)
- 1 Astral lamp. (Any antique lighting and chandelier)

Again, this is a wish list and just a sampling of those things taken from the inventories which are most-needed. If there is any item you feel would be appropriate to Greenfield Hall, please contact us. Thank you for your generosity. In the meantime, no more whining. Let's toast Greenfield Hall on its 150th anniversary.

--The Exhibit and Acquisition Committees

NEWS FROM OUR LIBRARY

Over the last few years, the Society has been most fortunate to have had the very able assistance of Carol Simonson, a former school librarian, in the Society Library. Carol and her husband Lloyd, who have contributed to Haddonfield in innumerable ways over the years, are preparing to retire to the sunny climes of North Carolina. We who work in the library will miss her enthusiasm, ready wit and devoted service. Among other things, she accomplished a major reorganization of the Haddonfield Pamphlet Collection which has been of immense benefit. On behalf of all those associated with the library we want to wish Carol and Lloyd a wonderful future in North Carolina and deepest thanks for the many hours of dedicated service to the library and the Society.

Joe Hartel and I had a busy week before the Sesquicentennial of Greenfield Hall scouring the Gill Family Papers for just the right items to enhance the wonderful collection of Gill family possessions which Louis J. LaCorte and William J. Dillon, proprietors of the Owl's Tale, generously offered for an exhibit for the Birthday Party on October 6th.

The result was a really exciting and enlightening exhibit which looked at the Gill Family Through Seven Generations. Beginning with John Gill I's Marriage Certificate and ending with a photograph of John Gill VII and his wife Kaye, the exhibit traced

the family through its marriages, farms, and homes in Haddonfield with particular emphasis on John Gill IV, builder of the present Greenfield Hall. Nearly 200 visitors came upstairs to the case room to view the exhibit and hear about the seven John Gills.

In addition to the sincere thanks due to Louis LaCorte and Bill Dillon for their great generosity in sharing from their personal collection, thanks are owed to Joe Hartel for his help in reviewing the Gill Papers for appropriate material, and to my son, Jim Tassini, for his computer-produced, very professional looking labels. For all who saw it, this was a once in a lifetime glimpse into a family which was one of the major influences in the history of Haddonfield for over two hundred years.

Finally, the Library is working with Mrs. Patti Kolodi of the Haddonfield Memorial High School, on a project to involve the Advanced Placement U.S. History class in original historical research. Beginning in early November, the students will be working with several of the collections of family papers in the Society's Library, examining both primary and secondary sources and learning about proper methods of historical research. This is a program which we began on a limited basis last year and based on its success are integrating it into the curriculum earlier and more completely this year. With this project we hope that the Society is helping to train the future historians of Haddonfield and other communities where these young people may ultimately live.

Kathy Tassini, Librarian

GREENFIELD HALL REVISITED

by Connie Reeves

The stately, beautiful house known as Greenfield Hall has many features we can admire. The Georgian architecture with its imposing facade has been highly regarded since it was built in 1841 by John Gill IV. Spacious rooms with tall ceilings and handsome moldings, marble fireplaces, a center hall with the impressive stairway, all have lent an elegance to this house during the past 150 years.

But a building is more than bricks, wood and plaster. The true heart of any house lies in the lives of the people who lived there, in their accomplishments and memories. Few records remain of everyday life in this fashionable residence from the middle of the last century until 1916, the time the Gill Family lived in the house. Little has been written of the several families who occupied Greenfield Hall after that.

Then in 1930, the house became the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Bauer who lived there until 1960 when the Historical Society purchased it for its headquarters.

Albert "Bert" Bauer, the Bauer's older son, was born in the house and has wonderful memories of growing up there. The following accounts have been taken from his reminiscences during a conversation with him earlier this year. Through his stories we can experience life in Greenfield Hall in the middle of this century.

Before the Bauers acquired the property, the house had been bought by Mrs. Bauer's mother, Minnie A.M. Tatem (Mrs. J. Fithian Tatem). Previously, Mrs. Tatem had purchased a lot just west of Greenfield Hall from W.P. Hallinger, intending to build a new house there. She and her family lived on Grove Street, but now, as a widow with most of her children married, she wanted a smaller house.

However, a Mrs. LeDuc offered to sell her house to Mrs. Tatem. Mrs. LeDuc's house was a new one, built on the corner (of the present Evergreen Lane). Mrs. Tatem bought it, and as a result, owned that house plus the lot next door which she had recently purchased.

Earlier, W.P. Hallinger and his partner, Ralph Van Hart, had bought Greenfield Hall and its land. Hallinger was a rather aggressive entrepreneur who planned to develop the area. He began by cutting in the street known today as Evergreen Lane, calling it Regnillah Avenue, his name spelled backwards. Four houses were built, two on each side of his new street, before he went into bankruptcy.

Mrs. Tatem heard that, because of this situation, Greenfield Hall would be sold and probably demolished to make way for a development. Fortunately, she was able to acquire the property from Ralph Van Hart, and the building still stands for us and future generations to enjoy.

Sylvan Lake Avenue was not extended when Bert was growing up. He remembers that the street went down as far as one house behind the Christian Science Church and that the rest of the land was overgrown. The children could walk across the back of their property and go directly down to Sylvan Lake, which we know today as Hopkin's Pond. Swimming was not allowed then, as now, because of pollution. There was a ravine in the center of the back field, an old stream bed which fed into the lake. The ground was always soft and mucky, but water no longer flowed through.

This back field was also known as the cow pasture where "Bossy" roamed. Bossy was purchased by Mrs. Tatem for the benefit of one of her grandchildren who had a respiratory problem. The grandmother had read that it was necessary to drink raw milk to overcome asthma. Everyone in the "family cooperative" was able to benefit from the animal.

George Simon was hired to do the milking. He was a part Lenni Lenape Indian who did two milkings, morning and evening. Mr. Bauer liked thick cream for his coffee and it was one of young Bert's jobs to skim off the cream with a broad spoon.

Bossy's barn stood where the present garage now stands, with the pasture beyond the barn. At the far end of the pasture was a smaller structure in which hay and straw were stored. Later, when the person who rented it housed a pony there, it became known as the pony barn.

When he was about seven years old, Bert was paid ten cents an hour to help his Dad build pens beside the cow barn for the pheasants Mr. Bauer planned to raise. "I loved to work with Dad and ride with him in the station wagon," he reminisced.

Bert's father was always fascinated with pheasants. When he learned that the state of New Jersey bought pheasants from breeders to restock the hunting grounds yearly, he had the perfect justification to buy some birds. Two of his friends, Jack Erickson and Charles Luther, were serious breeders and gave him advice - but not quite enough.

"I remember our first experience very clearly," Bert related with a laugh. The pens were all set, approximately 20 x 60 feet in size, stocked with water and feed. Two pairs of Chinese Golden, beautiful birds, had been purchased from breeders in Burlington County. The family watched eagerly as the birds were put into their pens, as they proudly strutted up and down - then stretched their necks and took off, soaring gracefully out of sight eastward over the church.

Naturally the mood of happy anticipation was gone. What had they done wrong? After hasty calls to their expert friends, they learned that they should have done one of two things: enclose the top of the pen with wire or clip a wing of each bird. "It was a rather expensive way to learn, but we'll always remember that beautiful sight!"

The state was interested mainly in ring-necked pheasants, so, after correcting the pen enclosure, the Bauers raised many of that breed. The family ate pheasant eggs for breakfast and every few weeks would enjoy a delicious pheasant dinner.

Pheasants are rather cannibalistic birds. The flock will sort out the weakest birds and peck them to death. It's a continuous process and could happen to old or young birds, male and female alike. When the Bauers noticed one being attacked, they would "rescue" that bird and have it for dinner.

Another of Bert's jobs as a young boy was feeding all the birds. The fifty-pound bags of feed bought from Duffy's Feed Store in Westmont were stored in trash cans to try to keep away the rodents. However, the problem was ever-present. Rats loved having birds in the vicinity.

What a fun place to grow up! Some of Bert's fond remembrances of Greenfield Hall include the thump, thump, thumping sound which could frequently be heard during a wind or rainstorm. Frank Hopkins told him that this sound was made by the ghost of Uncle John (Gill) climbing the stairs. Of course he was terrified for a number of years. When he was a bit older he learned that the noise was actually caused by a loose shutter in his

sister's bedroom. "We never did anything to repair or tighten it and we got so we rather enjoyed it. It seemed to give the home a distinct character of its own."

Sliding down the banister from the third floor was an activity enjoyed by Bert and his sister, Betty. "Unladylike," their mother would admonish her.

"We would hold the instep of our shoe against the balusters and sail down. The balusters are made of hard maple so we never injured them or our shoes."

Their younger brother never slid down the banister as they did. He developed a method of going down sideways on the staircase, putting his foot out and riding down like a zipper. Somehow, he always arrived first at the bottom.

Another happy activity involved their electric train set-up. At one time there was an open hallway on the third floor. Small holes were cut in the walls of the empty bedrooms and standard gauge Lionels wove in and out. Many wonderful hours were spent in this land of imagination.

"Greenfield Hall is a spacious home, but that didn't mean luxurious living," explained Bert. "Its size necessitated a lot of help: Frank worked at the house six days a week; Sadie came every Wednesday. It is a high-maintenance type of building, with its tall ceilings, no insulation, no sub-flooring."

In the mid-thirties a large oil heating system was installed. The family became very popular with the oilman since the big furnace and boiler used large quantities of fuel.

Even with the new burner, however, 8 to 10 cords of firewood were used as supplemental heating. Another of Bert's chores was to bring in the firewood and to care for all the fireplaces. The back living room, some bedrooms, the fireplace on the third floor all used logs 30 inches long. In the kitchen/breakfast room fireplace a bed of embers glowed all winter and the 4-foot logs had to be replenished every morning. Bert remembers the pleasant aroma produced when they would throw orange and grapefruit rinds on the embers from the fruit their grandparents would send them from Florida.

During the summer the responsibility of keeping the home fires burning changed to mowing the two acres of grass. "Chores, by the way," he reminded us, "were assigned to us. They were our way of paying our family dues." After his father gave him a lathe, he made the palings and railings to install a deck outside his sister's bedroom.

Sleeping could be a problem during the hot, humid season. Mr. Bauer alleviated that situation by building a sleeping platform on the main tin roof. He cut a hole in the roof, installed a trap door, and constructed the platform. Out there it was cooler and more pleasant in the evening and because mosquitoes and other insects remain within the first 10 to 15 feet off the ground, everyone could sleep in peace.



What is now the Victorian Room had been the comfortable front living room enjoyed by all the family. The breakfast room behind it was also much in use. The area that houses the Society's office had been a rough-timbered section utilized as a laundry room with tubs under the window and a pot-bellied stove where the fireplace now stands. The family used the steps leading down from the breakfast room through the laundry room to leave the house by a door at the rear.

The room over our office which today contains our library had been a storage room. The roof leaked through to the laundry room. Bert's father was able to patch the roof and around 1937 transformed the space into a darkroom where he could develop his film and create his home movies. A light bulb at the foot of the stairs warned the family when the darkroom was in operation.

Later, after Mr. Bauer lost interest in producing his own movies, the trains were transferred from the third floor to the old darkroom. With the trains gone the bedroom walls on the east side of the third floor were removed and the space fashioned into a billiard room.

Unfortunately, the roof over the laundry room was in dire need of more repair. Mr. Bauer had started to have the work done, but World War II intervened. Since the project was not more than half completed and building materials were critical to the war effort, it was required that the work be put aside for the duration.

The kitchen was a project much on Mrs. Bauer's mind. Built in the 20's to the rear of the breakfast room, it was much too small. The room was entered by a door in the space now occupied by the window and the area was hardly large enough for two people to work at one time.

At the end of the war, Mr. Bauer's friend, architect George von Uffel, agreed to plan the restoration of the oldest section of the house and to design the addition of a more modern kitchen. Adam Stephen, the general contractor, worked in close conjunction with the architect. Ernest Kretz was the master craftsman who built the cabinets on the premises. It was at this time, 1947, that the terrace was added.

Entertaining was an integral part of the lives of the Bauer family in Greenfield Hall. Bert's father had many friends, many going back to his childhood in Philadelphia. He frequently hosted members of the Stamp Club, Coin Club, the Lions, and his companions during the hunting season. When it was time to entertain his poker club however, Mrs. Bauer opted to visit her mother for the evening. "Dad's friends liked to smoke cigarettes and drink beer. Occasionally one of them would give me a sip - but Mother never knew."

Mrs. Bauer always tried to instill in her children that there was a correct way of doing things. They were taught how to act in their relationships with other people, and proper manners were always expected of the sister and two brothers. Invitations had to be written. "Don't tell me you were invited," Mrs. Bauer would say. "I want to hear from the person who invited you." Thank-you notes were required to be written the day after there was any sort of social interaction with anyone else.

In the early 1950's, Mrs. Bauer decided her children's knowledge of the social graces should be expanded. During the following 6-7 years, the family entertained with a formal dinner every other Saturday evening. Besides the immediate family, guests were invited. Bert remembers the dinners as most enjoyable experiences.

The formal dining room (the front room which today contains Elizabeth Haddon's table) was used; the doors to the back living room were opened to accommodate the table and its 6 to 8 leaves. Fully extended, the table could seat 18 people comfortably. The children were supposed to observe how a formal table was properly set, how to dress, how good food tasted.

Mrs. Bauer and Frank Hopkins, the cook, made up the menu which included many courses. Mrs. Bauer frequently prepared a "wonderful" fresh fruit cup. The entree was sometimes a tasty steamship roast of beef from Ellis' Meat Market, sometimes double braces of pheasant. Cut glass, fine crystal, and china were always used. Dinner began at 6:00, rarely ending before 8:30. The men then retired to the back living room for their smokes or to the billiard room on the third floor for a few games.

"In addition to reinforcing our good manners at these gatherings, we were also taught to eat what was served. It was an invaluable training program."

"Greenfield Hall was a great place to grow up," Bert concluded.



Mr. and Mrs. Bauer sold the house to the Society in 1960 and now live in Ocean City, New Jersey. They added a happy, rewarding chapter to the annals of Greenfield Hall. The active family has left behind moments filled with pleasure and satisfaction. Their responsible attitude and respect for the property have resulted in a well-maintained, substantially improved building for us to enjoy.

Today Albert Bauer and his family live in the house his grandmother had purchased more than sixty years ago from Mrs. LeDuc. Our many thanks are extended to him for sharing his memories with us.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 17 - General Meeting and "John Wanamaker, Philadelphia Merchant"
- November 26 - Women's Committee, 10:00 A.M.
- December 8 - "The Mostly Victorian Toy and Book Exhibit"
- December 10 - Toy Exhibit open for local groups
- December 14 - Holly Festival

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